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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found, inter alia, in the specification where they are cited and in the English abstracts attached thereto. Further, the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document JP 58-184903 may be found in the corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 0 093 921 Al and the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document JP 60-195502 may be found in the

corresponding U.S. Patent No. 4,643,518. Copies of the corresponding documents are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

CONCLUSION .

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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